

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-18 and 20-31 are pending in this application. Claims 32-35 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 13, 18, 20 and 31-35 are independent. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,321,068 to Zamat.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 12, 18, 20-24, 26-28, 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,862,477 to Wellard et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,321,068 to Zamat. Claims 6 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,862,477 to Wellard et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,321,068 to Zamat and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,243,585 to Pelech et

al. Claims 10 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,862,477 to Wellard et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,321,068 to Zamat and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,173,191 to Jennings III. Claims 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,321,068 to Zamat and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,374,936 to Feng.

IV. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Applicants reiterate their arguments presented in their previous responses.

As understood by Applicants, Zamat fails to describe a wireless transmission of measurement results as recited in the independent claims. Furthermore, Applicants submit that Zamat does not teach or suggest power measurement *per se*. Instead, Zamat relates to measuring a voltage of a received signal on the basis of which voltage the power of the received signal is indirectly determined via a look-up table. Accordingly, the focus of Zamat is on calibration of this look-up table rather than the establishment of a topology map indicative of signal strength between network devices of a wireless network.

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 5,862,477 to Wellard et al. relates to a topology verification process for controlling a Personal Communication Services (PCS) system that includes a plurality of Cordless Fixed Parts (CFP)s. The process includes mapping the spatial relationships of the CFPs utilizing Received Signal Strength Indication (RSSI) vectors resulting from test signals transmitted between the CFPs, to establish the topology of the system; repeating the mapping process after any disruption of power to the system, and comparing the results. Any significant change in the results, would be highly indicative of a potential change in the geographic area of operation of the system, and can be used to initiate disablement of the

system operation. Additional confirmation that the system has not been reconfigured (and hence moved), may be had by matching a unique identifier for each CFP against a stored set of identifiers which specify the particular port that the CFP was connected to immediately prior to any disruption in power to the system. (see Abstract)

Claim 1 is directed toward a method of creating a topology map indicating the quality of connectivity of each network device of a wireless network with all other network devices. The claim specifies a measurement phase in which connectivity quality is measured and a reporting phase in which the measurement results are wirelessly transmitted from each network device to the network device creating the topology map.

As stated previously, Applicants submit that Wellard fails to teach or suggest the claimed wireless transmission of measurement results from each network device to the network device creating a topology map. Indeed, as can be seen from Fig.1 and column 5, lines 50-52, that Wellard teaches wired communication of RSSI data from the CFP devices 10a-10f to the CCU 14. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable.

Claim 13, is directed toward a device for a wireless network that includes means to measure a power level of a received calibration signal, to internally store results of the measurement and to wirelessly transmit the measurement results to another network device.

As noted above, Applicants submit that Wellard fails to teach or suggest such a wireless transmission of measurement results between network devices. Moreover, Applicants submit that Wellard does not teach or suggest storing the results of a power level measurement of a received calibration signal internally in a network device that carried out the measurement. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 13 is patentable.

Claim 18 is directed to a wireless network device that includes means for creating a topology map. The claim specifies that the network device is “configured and adapted for wireless communication” in a wireless network.

As understood by Applicants, while Wellard discloses that the CCU 14 is responsible for creating a topology map (Wellard col. 5, lines 10-57), CCU 14 does not have any wireless communication capabilities. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 18 is patentable.

Independent claims 20 and 31 are believed to be patentably distinct over Wellard because Wellard discloses wired connections between all of the CFP devices 10a-10f and the CCU 14, as well as the fact that CCU 14 is responsible for creating a topology map. Further, Applicants note that Wellard fails to teach or suggest creating a topology map in a network device belonging to a plurality of network devices, as recited in the preambles of claims 20 and 31.

V. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

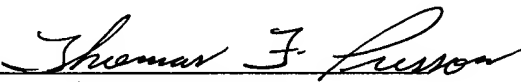
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specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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